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The present is the living sum total of the whole past.—Carlyle.

THE WISE CHARGES

Neither John H. Wise nor members of the territorial senate can afford to let the charges of grafting made against the senate clerk go without investigation and without answer.

These charges, if true, constitute a serious offense. Even if they do not lead to proof of dishonesty, they show altogether inexcusable waste of public funds. Waste is not so bad as graft, but it is often as costly both to the public treasury and to community morals. If this waste is going on unknown to the senate committee that is supposed to check over such expenditures, the public should know it.

On the other hand, there may be an entirely legitimate explanation for all that Wise has done and all that he is accused of doing. It is certain that several senators have strong confidence in him. They deplore the cry of "graft" that has been raised and say it is due to political opposition, that the Democrats are trying to make a political mountain out of a molehill.

That kind of talk, however, does not answer the justifiable query of the public as to the truth of Senator Coke's charges. The only kind of talk that will answer is the talk that refutes the definite allegations that Coke has made and which he offers to repeat, with substantiating details, before the grand jury.

So far, Mr. Wise has not been heard from. He is in another part of the territory and communication with him has been slow. He owes it to the public to explain the charges brought against him, and if they cannot be fully explained—if the charges should be proved—the public may then very properly ask the senators for an explanation of their own lack of attention to what was going on.

In the meantime, judgment should be suspended. Only one side has been heard. The other side has the opportunity to answer and it cannot afford to be silent or to try to laugh the charges away.

ANOTHER PROOF OF UNDESIRABILITY

If Progressives of Oahu want an issue on which every decent citizen can unite at the next campaign, that issue is self-made, ready to their hand, in the conduct of the police department under Sheriff Jarrett.

A sheriff who admits even occasional visits to such a resort as the Puahi dance-hall—and who maintains that he saw no reason for closing that dance-hall—is incompetent if he is not worse. Furthermore, in allowing one of his men to have a personal interest in the hall, he is at least subjecting the man to the temptation of graft.

The dance-hall incident is only one of a number going to show the easy-going inefficiency of Jarrett. As the head of his department, he should be a man to command respect, to enforce discipline, to raise the morale of the police force. Jarrett's inefficiency was pretty well-known at the last campaign but his political opponents preferred to laud his rival candidate in vague terms rather than to point to the positive proofs of Jarrett's undesirability. We hope that the people who stand for clean government will refuse to be hoodwinked at the next campaign by Jarrett's apologists and will take a definite step to stiffen the backbone of the organization paid to protect life, property and morals in Honolulu.

ATTACKS ON THE MONROE DOCTRINE

Congressman William Kent's declaration that he would not ask the United States to intervene in Mexico to protect his property was backed up by some good, sound sense.

The brief telegraphic dispatches gave comparatively little of Kent's declaration. A copy of a letter sent by Kent to members of Congress has reached the Star-Bulletin under a congressional frank and in it one is struck with these words:

"I fear that we are altogether too prone to talk about national duties and national honor in careless terms. We cannot afford to set up controverted doctrines to be needlessly fought over.

"The lives of American soldiers should not be sacrificed, the people's treasure should not be wasted, in protecting the 'property rights' of those of our citizens who, having gone beyond our borders, have 'taken a chance' in the laws and conditions of peoples beyond our control. As one financially interested in Mexico, inasmuch as I would not jeopardize my own life nor the lives of my sons to protect my property, I would be a coward and a murderer if I should send any of my countrymen to death in behalf of that property."

Kent backs up his stand by the presentation of an address made by Prof. Hiram Bingham of Yale, prominent member of the Hawaiian Bingham family, by the way, in which the Yale educator declares that the Monroe doctrine is an "obsolete shibboleth."

"If we still fear European aggression," says Bingham, "and desire to prevent a partition of South America on the lines of the partition of Africa, let us bury the Monroe doctrine and declare an entirely new policy—a policy that is based on intelligent appreciation of the present status of the leading American powers—let us declare our desire to join with the 'A B C' powers in protecting the weaker parts of America against any imaginable aggression on the part of European or Asiatic nations."

"We ought not to be blind to the fact that there are clever authors residing in Europe who take the utmost pains to make the Latin-Americans believe—that they are unfortunately only too willing to believe—that we desire to be not only practically but actually sovereign on the Western Hemisphere."

The truth of Prof. Bingham's remarks was illustrated a few days ago when Bryan's plan for a Nicaraguan protectorate was bitterly opposed in South America. It is also illustrated in much of the newspaper comment in Mexico and in the demand that Uncle Sam recognize the Huerta government at once.

SETTLE IT

Developments in the Chalmers auto case come down to this issue: Either there is enough available evidence to warrant proceedings against Chalmers or there is not. It is for the grand jury to decide. Attorney Sheldon insists that he has important evidence in addition to that brought before the coroner's jury. Whether he has or not may be quickly ascertained by the grand jury. Attorney Sheldon should be called as a witness and given an opportunity to make good on his statements.

Madame Puahi's dance hall has no license. It is run by a policeman and his wife. Do these things explain the fact that the dance-hall is open to drunken carousers at all hours of the night? The licensed dance-hall in Honolulu is closed by the police—or supposed to be closed by the police—at 11:30 o'clock at night.

Attorney Frank Thompson maintains that it is man's inalienable privilege to whip editors. Sure—if he can do it. The attempt not only makes news for the palpitating public to peruse, but also helps the lawyer's business. However, why not eliminate the middleman? Let the lawyer try to lick the editor!

Attorney W. A. Kinney is reported to be opposing Pinkham. At various times within the past year or two Mr. Kinney has been reported as opposing somebody. No one need lose sleep over the latest rumor.

Must be something of a shock to Huerta to find that Diaz will be persona non grata at Tokio just after the dictator had finished telling Washington that Lind would be persona non grata at Mexico City.

Governor Sulzer of New York, encouraged by the great showing of Supervisor Kealoa of Hawaii, is also defying impeachment papers.

Immigrants have cost the territory \$81.38 apiece for the past six years—and most of them have travelled gaily on to the Coast.

Col. Mulhall is rapidly promoting himself to general nuisance.

Kona shore and at Hilo. The commissioners will first go to Mahukona, spoken of and Col. C. J. McCarthy, where an appropriation has been made for a wharf, going from there to Waimea, and finally to Hilo. They will not return to Honolulu until Tuesday morning.

This is the second island the commissioners have visited lately. They returned last Sunday from a tour of Kauai. At the meeting yesterday afternoon the good conditions of the bank at Wuchang be nationalized.

LETTERS OR TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

FROM A CHRISTIAN MILITANT

The Christian Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 12, 1913.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—I noted with keen appreciation your editorial in last night's issue of the Star-Bulletin upon the Puahi hula tragedy of Saturday night. Such editorials I am sure must carry considerable weight in forming public opinion favorable to the suppression of the hula. And many years' experience in the thick of the fight against politically organized liquor interests have taught me that without strong public sentiment behind such a fight it is difficult to make headway. Therefore personally and also as president of the Anti-Saloon League of Hawaii I desire to thank you for that

clear-cut and definite comment upon the real issue involved in this tragedy. Very sincerely yours,
DAVID C. PETERS.

THE CHICAGO SENTENCE

Waipahu, Aug. 12, 1913.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—Enclosed find clipping from San Francisco Examiner pertaining to an auto murderer. If a few of our auto-maniacs were treated like this one they would be very careful who they killed and ran down after serving time.

A READER.

[The clipping:]
Chicago, July 24.—A jury in the criminal court today returned a verdict of guilty against Fred Hrodek, chauffeur, charged with the murder of Patrick J. Condon, who was run over and killed by an automobile driven by the defendant. His punishment was fixed at fourteen years in the penitentiary. Fred Cordes, who was in the car with Hrodek when the victim was killed, was found not guilty. Reckless drivers of automobiles were characterized as being far more dangerous than highway robbers by Assistant State's Attorney Malate in his argument to the jury.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—A. G. RINGLAND: It really does look as if the Pinkham governorship was picked before it was ripe.

—MAT MATHEWS: Sun Yat Sen seems to find the making of a president and the unmaking of one two different propositions.

—BOB HAMILL: Each succeeding "automobile Sunday" makes the following "blue Monday" take on a still deeper aquamarine shade. Pretty near time to call a halt, but who will do the calling?

—AL HEINZE: "I should worry," that's pretty bum, even for slang. Here's a new one that I gathered on the coast, that is not so bad: "What a you dogging about?" Dogging being high brow for howling.

—MARTIN WELSH: Director-general Dougherty says he had a twenty-minute talk with President Wilson. Figures don't lie, and allowing the president to work eight hours a day, Dougherty took up just \$6.70 worth of the president's time.

—FRANK A. MOORE: I, for one, do not want to see any combination of offices or exhibits at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Hawaii is too well known, and has the goods to make good with to go into cahoots with any other country or section. If Hawaii cannot "go it alone" and gather to herself the praise, and draw her own crowds, she had better drop the whole thing.

—N. BUCHANAN: I think this "momentary insanity" dodge is so thin that one could read a newspaper through it; in fact, it would magnify the letters. I don't believe any person living, except he be an escape from the violent ward of an insane asylum, commits murder or any other

Personal Mentions

L. D. TREANOR, of Cleveland, O., is expected to arrive within a short time for a visit here with friends.

MISS BERTHA HOLDSWORTH, of Portland, Ore., who has been spending the past month in Honolulu, was a departing passenger in the Wilhelmina this morning.

FLOYD H. EMMANS, business secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, left in the Niagara for Vancouver last evening, en route to Minnesota for a two months' visit with relatives.

E. D. FERREIRA has been appointed stenographer at the customs house to succeed Miss Louise Dennington, transferred to the special agent division, Seattle.

MRS. ROBERT N. CORBALEY and young son returned yesterday on the Honolulu from an extended visit on the mainland. Mr. and Mrs. Corbaley have taken up their residence at Cassidy's.

E. R. HIGGINS, one of the leading moving picture men of Australia, is a through passenger on the Makura, which arrived from the north this morning. Mr. Higgins is the guest of the promotion committee during his stay here, and a number of surfing stunts have been arranged for this afternoon at the beach, in order that he may take animated views of Hawaii's most popular sport to the Colonies with him.

crime without knowing perfectly well what he is doing. "Temporary insanity." Oh, piffle.

NEW YORK TAKES AUTO REGULATION OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE POLICE

Recent Ordinance Forces Unfit Vehicles and Drivers of All Kinds from Public Streets.

In New York City a new traffic ordinance went into effect on August 1 that has points that might be considered in Honolulu. The following is a resume of the ordinance.

In commenting upon the new law, Alderman Courtlandt Nicoll, who has been active in bringing about its enactment, stated today that it is similar in many respects to the London system of regulating vehicles for public use.

The most important difference between the London system and the New York ordinance is that in London the entire responsibility for enforcement is in the hands of the police, while in New York it is vested in the Mayor's Bureau of Licenses, assisted by the police.

"Commencing on August 1," said Alderman Nicoll, "unfit vehicles and irresponsible drivers will be forced from the city streets. Those who use public vehicles can be reasonably sure that the driver is neither incompetent

nor a thug. Great care will be taken in licensing all public drivers, including the identification of licenses by photographs and signatures, and the possession of a public hack driver's license will be practically a certificate of competency and character.

Details to be Arranged.
"To put this new system into effect overnight is impossible. Hundreds of vehicles will have to be examined and re-licensed, and hundreds of chauffeurs and drivers must have the statements contained in their applications checked up. They must also be prepared to furnish photographs, while a filing system for reference must be created, and inspectors must be appointed."

"Those who have had experience in these matters know the inevitable delays which arise when the city undertakes a new departure. Fortunately, these will be comparatively brief in the case of the new ordinance, as every official, from the Mayor down, is in hearty accord, and working to make the measure a success. But it will be months before the details are arranged, and before the License Bureau will be fully equipped to deal with the problems which the ordinance has created."

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"Until midnight July 31, the present rate is in force. Every taximeter in the city registers in accordance with the present law. On August 1 an entirely new double tariff becomes effective and every motor-driven vehicle seating four persons or less, must, according to the provisions of the ordinance, have a taximeter. Of course, it is out of the question to reconstruct and reinspect every taximeter overnight, but a card, showing how to calculate the correct rate of fares from the told taximeters, will be placed in the cabs, and the public must contend, temporarily, with the inconvenience caused by this arrangement.

"A rule by which to determine the new fare is to deduct 20 per cent from the amount shown on the old taximeter in the case of one or two passengers. With three or four passengers the rates are about the same as at present. This rule does not apply to cabs run by the Independent Taxicab Owners' Association, on which a rate of fare approximately in accordance with the new ordinance is already used.

"Signs showing the public hack stands and the number of cabs permitted at each one are being designed. It is the purpose of the city to erect these signs in practically every place where a hack stand is established. Their design and construction, however, must necessarily occupy some time, and it is to be hoped that some arrangement can be made whereby temporary signs may be placed at public hack stands.

"The attention of the officials of clubs and owners of hotels should be drawn to the section of the new ordinance which provides that owners of property may have a public stand in front of their premises, providing that proper application is made.

"The new ordinance has a provision forbidding the solicitation of fares for public hacks by any one, except

SAN FRANCISCO NAMED SUPREME MOOSE DICTATOR

[By Latest Mail]
CINCINNATI, O. — Election of officers and the selection of next year's convention place were the principal order of business at the Loyal Order of Moose convention.
The Australian ballot system was used in the election of supreme officers, and approximately 2000 votes were cast.
Walter Dorn of San Francisco was elected supreme dictator by acclamation, as was M. H. Garland of Pittsburgh for vice-dictator and Arthur E. Jones of Indianapolis for past supreme dictator.

FRANK DUNCAN and Louis Ryno, arrivals on the Makura from Vancouver today, are crack amateur athletes of Seattle. Duncan is national 135-pound and Coast 145-pound champion. They are on a jaunt that may carry them around the world, and will probably visit in Honolulu for a few weeks.

"You don't mean to say you haven't made your Will!"

If you haven't, you're taking desperate chances on there being 'peace and prosperity' in your family, after you pass away!

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